

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Damage from fire and have other livestock has suffered accordingly. Winchester can see that possum banquet given at Atlanta in honor of Mr. Taft and go it one better. Twelve Winchester men had a banquet one night last week at which the chief dish was young muskrat, served fried and stewed. Those who partook of the feast said the meat was simply delicious, and they propose to have another spread in the near future. Winchester Democrat.

President Roosevelt has given approval to the plan to put the head of Lincoln on one of the popular mints, probably the half dollar.

Newport, Ky., Jan. 27.—"Good bye," exclaimed William H. Fox, aged 34 years, this morning to his invalid wife, after pressing a kiss upon her lips. He then secured a razor and went into a dark cellar cut his throat, nearly severing his head from his body.

Jackson, Ky., Jan. 29.—A petition was filed in the Circuit Clerk's office today against Mrs. Lou Ellen Hargis, widow of Judge James Hargis, by his creditors, asking that the real estate be sold to pay the debts.

It is alleged that Judge Hargis left debts amounting to \$30,000, and that the personal property is being wasted by his executrix, Mrs. Hargis.

Gov. Willson has remitted Kentucky's portion of the \$1,000 fine entered against Berea College for violation of the DDay law, which imposed a penalty for coeducation of whites and negroes in the same institution. The Governor says Berea has done great work in this State and was in good faith in making a test of the Day law in the courts.

The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, control of which recently passed into the hands of a new syndicate headed by Edwin Hawley and E. H. Huntington, will be greatly improved. Important connections are to be made that will make the road one of the great trunk lines. No changes in the management are contemplated.

The annual winter dinner of the Gridiron Club, given at Washington gave the newspaper men of the Capital an opportunity to say farewell to Messrs. Roosevelt and Fairbanks in their official capacities. Most of the fun was directed at the two special guests and the war with congress, the severe service and hunting in Africa were all touched upon in the sketches and songs.

The blizzard that raged in Kentucky for forty-eight hours was nearly a record-breaker in the way of intensity. High winds, causing the snow to drift made country roads almost impassible. In some places the snow drifted to a depth of from four to ten feet and made the delivery of rural mails impossible. With the mercury hovering around zero much suffering was reported among poor people unprepared for such frigid weather. Young hams have been killed where they were not properly protected and

this section this year than ever before. Every available spot will be used to grow the weed. Much plowing has been done, and some in virgin soil, which is expected to raise a very fine crop. Tobacco land is in great demand and a number of tenants in this section have not yet succeeded in finding any. A great many new barns have been erected in this section, and yet it is feared that there will not be enough barn room for such a large acreage. Some plant beds are being prepared. And if the weather is suitable the seed will be sown by February 1.

The members of the Howard family in Harlan county are not letting modesty interfere with their eagerness to connect with a public office. Among the announced candidates before the Republican primary for the county offices are four Howards, and the campaign has just started. They are Moses W. Howard, who aspires to the circuit clerkship; John L. Howard, who wants to be sheriff; Britt Howard, whose ambition is to be Jailer, and J. H. Toward, who seeks to be Superintendent of Schools.

Barboursville, Ky., Jan. 27.—Officials are going after illegal saloons along the Kentucky-Tennessee border with a sharp stick. It is claimed that close to 50 whiskey joints have flourished along the border in Whitley county, Ky., and Scott county, Tenn., extending along the border for a distance of 25 miles. These saloons, it is alleged, are partly in Kentucky and partly in Tennessee. Tennessee customers are served from the Kentucky side where the Tennessee courts have no jurisdiction, and the Kentucky customers are served by men who live in Tennessee.

Violators who have been caught up with usually escaped through technicalities. It is said that a like condition does not prevail elsewhere in the country.

The unusual spectacle of a Republican State official endorsing a Democrat for appointment to an important political office back in his home county was witnessed in Frankfort when Commissioner of Agriculture M. C. Rankin endorsed R. D. Jackson for appointment as County Attorney of Henry county. Commissioner Rankin sent word to Gov. Willson that he would make no mistake in giving the place to Attorney Jackson.

The vacancy in the county attorneyship of Henry is caused by the recent death of Hills G. List. Jackson is the Democratic nominee for County Attorney of Henry, and is certain to be elected, not only on account of Henry's overwhelming majority of Democratic voters, but because of the fact that there is no single Republican lawyer in Henry county. If there had been but one, Commissioner Rankin would probably have given him his endorsement for the place, but as there was not he most cheerfully suggested the appointment of Jackson, which the Governor will probably make as soon as he gets time from the meetings of the Capitol Commission.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 26.—Almost starved to death and her feet sore and bleeding, Seminole, a three time prize winner in the National Fox Hound Association trial returned here to the home of her owner, Judge C. Floyd Huff, after having been lost in these last annual trials at Crab Orchard, Ky., two months ago. The fact of the incident puts to shame many of the Roosevelt nature stories.

More than two months ago Seminole an aged hound, was put in a crate here and sent by express to participate in the national trials. Leading the pack in the chase of Reynard, she never returned. Judge Huff advertised in every weekly paper in that part of Kentucky, offering rewards for the return of his dog. Hope was finally abandoned. Yesterday she stalked into the yard of her owner completely exhausted. She swam the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers in her return. That a fox hound shipped by express to such a far-away point should find her way home adds to the interest. Everything else but the fact that the hound was last heard of in the Kentucky hills chasing a fox, and two months later arrived here almost dead is left for conjecture. It could not have been the scent that directed the return. Carrier pigeons had heretofore had the exclusive record for such feats. In fact, and cats in fancy. The dog is the pedigreed mother of some of the best hounds in the Derby trials of the past two years.

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As soon as the Republic had been struck and the extent of the damage had become known, wireless calls for assistance were sent broadcast over the Atlantic. All vessels within range of the mysterious pulsations were asked to hasten to the scene.

The call for help which the Republic had been sending into space was first recorded on land at the Charleston navy yard at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. It said: "To revenue cutter Gresham, Boston: Steamer Republic in distress and sinking. Latitude 40.17, longitude 70; 26 miles southwest of Nantucket."

The Gresham was not at the navy yard, but intercepted the appeal in Provincetown harbor. She started immediately for Nantucket. Other wireless apparatus also caught the message and in a short time the cutter Acushnet was on her way out from Wood's Hole; the Mohawk, another revenue cutter, had started from New Bedford, and the Seneca had been ordered out from New London Conn. The Mohawk soon ran aground, while the Acushnet did not get outside of Vineyard Sound, and later came back to assist another vessel in distress.

In the meantime the Baltic and La Lorraine, both of which had passed the Republic a few hours earlier and were speeding into New York, heeded the call for assistance and put about.

The Lucania, which was to the eastward of Nantucket Lightship, also catching the message out of the air, lit up her speed and pressed on to the assistance of the Republic.

Thus relief came and not a soul found a watery grave. Two are reported killed by the crash, and the empty vessel sank while being towed to harbor.

The NEWS believes that all this will be of much interest to its readers, and it reproduces from the Courier-Journal a short editorial concerning the part wireless telegraphy, that mysterious something of which we know nothing, played in this miracle of the sea.

"Do fairy legends hold more stirring or miraculous records than that revealed in real life when the steamer Republic, in distress, turned her wireless messages loose upon Atlantic ether and, from various directions hastened big ships and little ships to her rescue?"

"You have to rub your eyes and imagine long to take the episode in. You have to picture the lonely, isolated vessel, rent below the water line and fast filling. You must imagine the fog encompassing her like a shroud, her passengers all desperate with the expanse of sea about them, death and destruction looming big. There was a time when such an accident would have meant hopelessness for all. Remote and sinking, the ship would have had to await her fate, she would have had to wait for the world to come around in ignorance, perhaps, of what had befallen. But there exists the wireless telegraphy. Marconi, wizard, miracle worker, achiever of the impossible, has given the sea-going ships a voice by which they may reach the land. Upon being rammed the officers of the Republic set free upon the air, to drift whither they know not, and to reach whom they cannot guess, appeals for help. The voice travels over the sea. It is heard and heeded. From various quarters hurry the ships to relieve the distressed. It is thrilling, astonishing in its magic.

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